February 6, 2003 Meeting Minutes

## TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE #3.1.1
**Thursday, March 6, 2003**

# SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
## -TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE-

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### M I N U T E S

**THE FOLLOWING MINUTES SUMMARIZE ACTIONS THE TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE TOOK AT THE FEBRUARY 6, 2003 MEETING. AUDIOCASSETTE TAPES OF THE MEETING ARE AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG OFFICES.**

The Southern California Association of Governments Transportation and Communications Committee (TCC) met at SCAG offices in Downtown Los Angeles. There was a quorum.

| <u>Voting Members Present</u> | <u>Representing</u> |
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| Councilmember Ron Roberts, Chair | City of Temecula |
| Mayor Pro Tem Lee Ann Garcia, Vice Chair | City of Grand Terrace |
| Councilmember Harry Baldwin | City of San Gabriel |
| Mayor Bruce Barrows | City of Cerritos |
| Councilmember George Bass | City of Bell |
| Councilmember Ron Bates | City of Los Alamitos |
| Councilmember Hal Bernson | City of Los Angeles |
| Councilmember Lou Bone | City of Tustin |
| Councilmember Art Brown | City of Buena Park |
| Supervisor Yvonne Burke | County of Los Angeles |
| Mayor Lawrence Dale | City of Barstow |
| Vice Mayor Gene Daniels | City of Paramount |
| Councilmember Cathryn DeYoung | City of Laguna Niguel |
| Mayor Richard Dixon | City of Lake Forest |
| Councilmember Bonnie Flickinger | City of Moreno Valley, WRCOG |
| Councilmember Ruth Galanter | City of Los Angeles |
| Councilmember Gary J. George | City of Redlands, SANBAG |
| Mayor Pro Tem Peter Herzog | City of Lake Forest, Orange County COG |
| Vice Mayor Robin Lowe | City of Hemet, RCTC |
| Mayor Pro Tem Patsy Marshall | City of Buena Park, Orange County COG |
| Councilmember Keith McCarthy | City of Downey |
| Supervisor Judy Mikels | County of Ventura |
| Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Miller | City of Corona |
| Councilmember Pam O'Connor | City of Santa Monica |
| Mayor Gary Ovitt | City of Ontario |
| Mayor Pro Tem Greg Pettis | City of Cathedral City, CVAG |
| Mayor Pro Tem Bea Proo | City of Pico Rivera |
| Councilmember Jeffrey Reinhardt | Las Virgenes Malibu Subregion |
| Mayor Tod W. Ridgeway | City of Newport Beach |
| Councilmember Karen Rosenthal | City of Claremont |
| Supervisor Charles V. Smith | County of Orange County |

| Councilmember Dick Stanford | City of Azusa |
| Mayor Pro Tem Tom Sykes | City of Walnut |
| Councilmember Paul Talbot | City of Alhambra |
| Councilmember Sidney F. Tyler, Jr. | City of Pasadena |
| Councilmember Tonia Reyes Uranga | City of Long Beach |

| **Voting Members Absent** | **Representing** |
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| Supervisor Paul Biane | County of San Bernardino |
| Mayor George Cole | City of Bell, Gateway Cities COG |
| Mayor Bill Davis | City of Simi Valley, VCTC |
| Councilmember Judy Dunlap | City of Inglewood |
| Councilmember John R. Fasana | City of Duarte, SGVCOG |
| Councilmember Eric Garcetti | City of Los Angeles |
| Mayor Larry Grogan | City of El Centro, IVAG |
| Councilmember Nate Holden | City of Los Angeles |
| Councilmember Robert Hunter | City of Victorville |
| Mayor Pro Tem Sandra Jacobs | City of El Segundo |
| Councilmember Tim Keenan | City of Cypress, Orange County COG |
| Councilmember Al Leiga | City of Claremont, San Gabriel Valley COG |
| Councilmember Lowenthal | City of Long Beach |
| Mayor Mark Nuaimi | City of Fontana, SANBAG CTC |
| Councilmember Nick Pacheco | City of Los Angeles |
| Mayor Pro Tem Cameron Smyth | City Santa Clarita, North LA County |
| Mayor pro Tem David A. Spence | City of La Canada Flintridge, Arroyo Verdugo Cities |
| Councilmember Linda Wilson | City of Manhattan Beach, South Bay Cities COG |
| Council Member Dennis Zine | City of Los Angels |

| **Voting Members, Not Elected Officials Present** | **Representing** |
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| Rose Casey | Caltrans, Los Angeles |

| **Voting Members, Not Elected Officials Absent** | **Representing** |
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| Board Member | California, DOT |
| Rotating Board Member | Air Resources Board |

**Transportation Commissions – Vacant**
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

## 1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ron Roberts called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

## 2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments at this time.

## 3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

The following consent calendar items were MOVED (Lowe), SECONDED (Mikels) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED:

### 3.1 Approval Item

3.1.1 January 9, 2003 Meeting Minutes

### 3.2 Receive and File

3.2.1 Intergovernmental Review Report

3.2.2 Regional Transportation Model, Year 2000 Validation

## 4.0 ACTION ITEM

### 4.1 TEA-3 Priority Projects

Donald Rhodes, Mangers of Gov't & Public Affairs, reported on SCAG's TEA-3 regional priority project list which will be advocated in Washington D.C. He asked the committee to authorize SCAG staff to continue working with the County Transportation Commissions and other stakeholders to finalize the TEA-3 project list. This list will be utilized in SCAG's Federal legislative advocacy efforts.

The main goal for the priority list is to show regional unity in our lobbying effort through common leadership, and standing behind projects for the region so to create a nexus for the region to finally obtain the region's fair share of funding.

Councilmember Lowe proposed the following language changes to the priority list:
On page 9: Under description - land accusation- add:...for multi species habitat...
On page 9: Under comment -housing –rich Riverside County- change to:...affordable housing of Riverside County.

Staff pointed out that the list is a draft document and all the changes proposed by the members will be added to the document.

After a lengthy discussion, Mayor Marshall called the question.

It was MOVED (Lowe), SECONDED (Mikels) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to authorize staff to continue working with stakeholders to finalize the TEA-3 priority project list with suggested changes from the committee members.

Legislative staff will incorporate all suggested changes to the priority list immediately.

**4.2** **Planning for Integrated Land Use and Transportation (PILUT)**
Philip Law, Regional Planner, gave an overview of SCAG's new approach for integration of growth, transportation and environmental planning efforts. Staff asked the committee for approval to move forward with the new planning process. The PILUT process is designed to more efficiently coordinate SCAG's RTP, EIR, and Growth Visioning efforts. Mr. Law presented the PILUT process objectives, gave an outline of the process, described PILUT outcome, and listed upcoming milestones.

It was MOVED (Tyler), SECONDED (Mikels) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to approve the PILUT process.

**4.3** **Coordination of Proposed Improvements on I-15 at the County Line between Riverside and San Diego**
Naresh Amatya, Acting Manager of Planning and Analysis, reported on the need to coordinate future improvements on I-15 at the county line between Riverside and San Diego. The passage of Measure A extension in Riverside County calls for adding two mixed flow lanes on I-15 between SR-60 and the county line with San Diego. This would increase the number of mixed flow lanes from existing 8 lanes to 10 lanes within Riverside County.

San Diego is proposing to re-stripe the freeway to convert two existing lanes to carpool lanes so that the number of mixed flow lanes could be reduced to 6 lanes. If the proposed improvements were to be implemented, I-15 would have to be transitioned from 10 lanes to 6 lanes at the county line, which would pose serious traffic and safety hazards. Therefore, it is extremely critical to maintain an ongoing dialog between the two regions to ensure that this situation is avoided. Staff is asking the committee to "allow SCAG to work with RCTC, SANDAG, Caltrans Districts 8 and 11, City of Temecula and other interested parties to ensure coordination of data and proposed improvements on I-15 at the county line between Riverside and San Diego."

Chairs Roberts reported that a change in the CETAP program happened last week. It was proposed to add two lanes each way on the I-15, as mix flow lanes, and one HOV lane, which makes the situation even more complex. SCAG members met with SANDAG about two years ago in Temecula, and have not since met. SCAG staff has made several attempts to set up additional meetings with SANDAG. Hon. Roberts suggested including aviation as a topic in the discussion with SANDAG.

It was MOVED (Stanford), SECONDED (Bates) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to approve SCAG to work with RCTC, SANDAG, Caltrans Districts 8 and 11, City of Temecula and other interested parties to ensure

coordination of the proposed improvements on I-15 in the vicinity of the county line between Riverside and San Diego Counties, with inclusion of the Aviation Component.

Judy Mikels said she would advocate SANDAG to meet with SCAG at the CAL COG meeting in April.

**4.4** **Tunnel Proposal for I-710 Gap Closure**
Naresh Amatya, Acting Manager of Planning and Analysis, reported on the need for further study of the tunnel option to close the 6.2 mile gap on I-710, between I-10 and I-210. Any proposal to close this gap has been long opposed by the South Pasadena City Council, primarily on the grounds that any surface proposals would be too disruptive to the community. A proposal to study this tunnel option was jointly presented by our executive director Mark Pisano, MTA's Executive Director Roger Snoble and Assemblywoman Carol Liu to the South Pasadena City Council on January 15. The city council action was not to oppose the study. One of the greatest benefits of this option, in the words of Assemblywoman Liu is "the tunnel would avoid the impacts of construction delays, residential displacements, housing reduction and other environmental impacts that have concerned us so much".

The gap closure project is included in the current Regional Transportation Plan without specific reference to design or construction options. Staff funding is in the budget as part of development of the RTP.

It was MOVED (Bates), SECONDED (Mikels) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to approve SCAG staff to work with MTA, Caltrans, the Cities of Los Angeles, Alhambra, South Pasadena, and Pasadena and other interested parties in further refining the concept of a tunnel option to close the I-710 gap between I-10 and I-210.

**5.0** **INFORMATION ITEMS**

**5.1** South Bay Traffic Alert System (TAS)
Jacki Bacharach, Executive Director for the South Bay City Council of Governments, introduced the South Bay Alert Traffic Alert System (TAS) item. This is a SCAG funded project. Barry Waite, GIS Manager, City of Carson, presented the TAS project. The TAS is 'a way to find out about traffic delays' through use of website (ie. www.southbaycities.org). Mr. Waite gave an overview of how the system was developed, how it works, how to maintain the system, membership, and how to utilize the website to get valuable traffic

information. The original implementation grant was $75,000, of which $45,000 was spent. Expenses include two yearly $1,500 and $ 300 licensing fees.

**5.2** <u>California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA)Update</u>
Dan Leavitt, Deputy director of CHSRA, gave an overview of the California High Speed Rail Program.

**5.3** <u>High-Speed Low-Emission Ferry Demo</u>
Lou Adamo, SCX, Inc, gave an overview of a high speed low emission passenger ferry project between West Los Angels and San Diego.

**5.4** <u>Update on State Budget Crisis</u>
No update was given.

**5.5** <u>Aviation Task Force Meeting</u>
No report was given.

**5.6** <u>Maglev Task Force Meeting</u>
No report was given.

**5.7** <u>Goods Movement Advisory Committee (GMAC)</u>
No report was given.

**5.8** <u>Highway and Transportation Finance (H&TF) Task Force Meeting</u>
No report was given.

**5.9** <u>Regional Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Task Force</u>
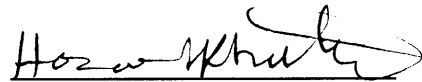No report was given.

**6.0** <u>**CHAIR REPORT**</u>

**7.0** <u>**STAFF REPORT**</u>

**8.0** <u>**COMMENT PERIOD**</u>

**9.0** <u>**ADJOURNMENT**</u>
There being no further business, Chair Ron Roberts adjourned the meeting at 12:20 pm. The next Transportation and Communications Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 6, 2003.

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